

Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

ENERGY ASSISTANCE APPLICATION



The **Energy Assistance Program** (**EAP**) is designed to help eligible Nevada households with their heating and electric costs. **However, it is** NOT an emergency program.

EAP may also provide **Arrearage Assistance**, which is a **ONCE IN A LIFETIME** benefit to help a household bring past due charges on their heating and/or electric bill(s) current. To be eligible, households must meet specific criteria. (See Section C of application.)

* INCOME REQUIREMENTS *

The total gross monthly income of all household members may not exceed the amounts shown in the chart below.

YOUR HOUSEHOLD'S GROSS MONTHLY INCOME MAY NOT EXCEED:								
Persons in	Annual	Monthly	Persons in	Annual	Monthly			
Household	Income	Income	Household	Income	Income			
1	\$15,315	\$1,276	5	\$36,195	\$3,016			
2	\$20,535	\$1,711	6	\$41,415	\$3,451			
3	\$25,755	\$2,146	7	\$46,635	\$3,886			
4	\$30,975	\$2,581	8	\$51,855	\$4,321			

Households who meet specific criteria and whose gross income exceeds the limit, may have their income reduced by allowable expenses.

* BENEFITS *

Eligible households receive an annual one-time per year benefit, called a "fixed annual credit," which is paid directly to their energy provider. The benefit shows as a credit on the bill.

MINIMUM PAYMENT – The minimum yearly payment for eligible households is \$180.

* WHEN TO APPLY *

- → If your family is not currently on the program, apply **NOW**.
- → If you received a benefit during the past 12 months, an application will automatically be mailed to you when it's time to reapply. If you submit an application prior to the date you're eligible to reapply, the application will be denied.

* WHAT DO I NEED? *

Complete an EAP application and <u>supply the documentation requested on the form</u>. Suggested income verifications are noted on the back of this page. To get answers to other questions, call:

Reno/Carson City 1-866-846-2009 Las Vegas (702) 486-1404 Toll Free 1-(866)-846-2009

Visit our website at: www.welfare.state.nv.us/ess/eap for more information on the program requirements.

REQUIRED PROOF OF INCOME DOCUMENTATION EXAMPLES 1099 and W-2 forms are NOT acceptable proof of income

All documentation sent with your application can be either originals or photocopies. If you cannot photocopy the originals, our office will be happy to copy the material and send it back <u>after your case is processed</u>, <u>if you request</u> <u>the originals back</u>.

Earned Income: Need copies of check stubs for at least the **last thirty (30) consecutive days**. If paid weekly – 4 check stubs; paid bi-weekly or semi-monthly – 2 check stubs. A signed and dated statement on letterhead from your employer stating your gross income for the last thirty (30) days and how often you get paid, e.g., weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly, is acceptable if you don't have check stubs.

Earned income includes: income from **self-employment, i.e., business, child care, house cleaning, and other odd jobs**. The person you work for must state your pay amount, how often you are paid, and include their name, address and phone number. Business self-employment requires 12-month profit and loss statements.

<u>Unearned Income</u>: Unearned income includes <u>Social Security</u>, <u>SSI</u>, <u>Veterans Benefits</u>, <u>pensions</u>, <u>disability income</u>, <u>military income</u>, <u>unemployment</u>, <u>child support</u>, <u>alimony</u>, <u>interest income</u>, <u>dividends</u>, <u>regular insurance or annuity payments</u>. Provide copies of the benefit verification form or award letter from the entity providing the income. The benefit verification should be for the current year showing any cost of living raise. <u>Child support/alimony income</u>: copy of divorce decree/separation/settlement agreement, or dated letter from person paying the support (to include name, address and phone number), or copy of last check/statement from child support enforcement agency. <u>Interest income/dividends</u>: bank account statements, certificates of deposit, etc., if contains details and signed by financial institution; or broker's quarterly statement showing earnings.

Recurring Gifts and/or Support: Signed statement by the person providing the money on a regular basis, which indicates the amount of support, how often it is paid, and when the arrangement began; or dated and signed statement by the applicant identifying the name(s), address(es), and phone number(s) of the donor(s).

Student Income: Includes ALL educational scholarships and grants, e.g., PELL, BEOG, SSIG and Veteran's Administration educational benefits. Need written confirmation of amount of assistance, and educational institution's written confirmation of cost of the student's tuition, fees, books and equipment <u>for prior two semesters</u>. If benefits are paid directly to the student, copies of the latest benefit checks or cancelled checks <u>for prior two semesters</u> and copies of canceled checks or receipt for tuition, fees, books and equipment. Include summer school if this applies as well.

<u>Self-Employment Income</u>: The best thing to do is call the office and discuss what is needed in advance. Administration of or income from a non-profit organization is included under self-employment income. Profit and loss statements signed by the applicant detailing gross income and expenses during the last 12 months, copy of sales tax statement showing gross net proceeds, audited or unaudited financial statements, or a loan application listing income and expenses for the last 12 months are also acceptable verifications.

<u>Public Assistance Income</u>: Public agency's written statement with amount paid during the last month, the time frame covered, and the beneficiaries of aid; or, copy of award letter; or copy of check..

DIVISION OF WELFARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

CLARK COUNTY OFFICE

3330 E. Flamingo Rd., #55, Las Vegas, NV 89121 Telephone: (702) 486-1404 Fax: (702) 486-1441

OFFICE FOR ALL OTHER COUNTIES

1470 College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89706-7924 Local and Toll Free: 1-(866)-846-2009 Fax: (775) 684-0740

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

Please complete every section and answer each question. Sign the application and the Rights and Obligations form. Failure to complete all sections and questions and/or sign the application and, Rights and Obligations, OR provide the requested documentation noted on the application, will delay processing your application and may result in your application being denied.

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A. APPLICANT/HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION										
Con	nplete the following for every person li	ving in your hon	ne, incl	luding yourself	(attac	h addii	tional p	oage ij	f neces	ssary).
Name (Last, First, Middle) (Jr., Sr., III)		Relationship to You	S E	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	A G E	U.S. Citizen or Eligible *Non-citizen				Social Security Number
				SELF		Yes	No	Yes	No	
Are	there additional people in your home?	☐ YES ☐ NO)	If "YES," l	list th	em on a	a separa	ate sh	eet of	paper.
Hom	e Address			Ci	ty			1	State	Zip
Mail	ing Address (If different from your home of	uddress.)		Ci	ty			;	State	Zip
Hom	e Phone Day	/Message/Cell Pho	one	E-mai	1 Addı	ress				
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*Li	ist the names of non-citizen househol	d members auth	orized	l as legal reside	nts of	the U	nited S	tates.		
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		B. DWEL	LING	INFORMATI	ON					
	Renters: Provide complete copy of c Buyers: Provide copy of mortgage s			reement.						
1. Dwelling Type: ☐ House ☐ Apartment ☐ Condo ☐ Rent Room ☐ Mobile Home										
☐ Duplex ☐ Motel/Hotel ☐ Studio ☐ Travel Trailer Other:										
2.	2. Dwelling Cost:									
Own When did you pay off your mortgage?										
3. Rent/Buyers only: Landlord, Project/Complex, Mortgage Company Name:										
Address: Telephone No.: ()										
4. Do you reside in subsidized housing where heating and electric are included in the rent? YES NO										
C. HELP US BETTER SERVE OTHERS										
Ho	w did you hear about the Energy Assis TV Friend Radio Landlord Print Media Utility Comp	tance Program? any (flyer or emp		☐ Previous ☐ Receive	s EAF d Not	Partici	Mail		Othe	r: Please identify

D. UTILITY INFORMATION								
HEATING SE (Attach Copy		ELECTRIC SERVICE (Attach Copy of Bill)						
Check primary heating source:	Check one	that applies:						
☐ Natural Gas ☐ Electric ☐	☐ Receive bill from utility company							
☐ Kerosene ☐ Wood ☐ Oth	er	☐ Electric	service include	ed in rent/m	ortgage			
Check one that applies: Receive bill from utility compar	37	☐ Pay sepa	arate bill to lan	dlord for ele	ectric service			
Heating service included in rent.								
Pay separate bill to landlord for								
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(Heating Compan	y Name)		(Elect	ric Company N	Name)			
(Heating Account	Number)		(Electi	ric Account Nu	ımber)			
(Name On Acc	count)		(Na	ame On Accou	nt)			
Is the person listed on the account you	ur landlord? 🗌 YES 🔲 NC	Is the person	listed on the ac	ecount your	landlord? □	YES □ NO		
(If the account holder is <u>NOT</u> your land provide their address, telephone numbe	llord and does not live with you,	(If this person	is <u>NOT</u> your la	ndlord and c	loes not live wit	th you, provide		
separate piece of paper.)	r ana retationsnip to you, on a	piece of paper		er ana reiai	ionsnip io you,	on a separate		
ARREARAGE ASSISTANC	E (Once in a Lifetime)	ARRE	EARAGE ASS	ISTANCE	(Once in a Li	fetime)		
Do you have past due charges with y	our heating	Do you have	past due charg	ges with you	ır electric			
utility and want assistance to pay this	s debt? YES NO	utility and w	ant assistance t	o pay this d	lebt? 🔲 YI	ES 🗌 NO		
If your heating and/or electric vendor current utility bill. For all other ener current address will be required. Pro	gy providers, proof of the last	12 months of u	sage in dollars	and <i>therm</i> , w	vatts and/or gal	lons for your		
I	E. HOW DO YOU WAN	T YOUR BI	ENEFIT PAI	D?				
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NAME OF PERSON WORKING	EMPLOYER	DATE OF HIRE	TYPE OF WORK)	PER CHECK	OFTEN PAID	TIPS PER MONTH		
NAME OF LEASON WORKING	EWII EO I EK	THRE	work)	CHECK	TAID	MONTH		
List all household members, age 18	or older, who are not current	T T	1	1				
NAME OF PERSON	NAME OF PERSON FORMER EMPLOYER DATE LAST GROSS PAY DO YOU EXPECT RE-EMPLOYMI WORKED PER CHECK PENDING SSI? If YES, explain.							
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Attach copies of all check stubs or	other proof of gross earned i	income for at	least the last th	<u> </u> nirty (30) de	avs even if the	person is no		
longer employed. EXCEPTION:								

acceptable proof of income.

2. UNEARNED INCOME : Complete the following, indicating who, if anyone, receives money or benefits from the sources listed below. You must mark YES or NO for each income type and attach proof of all unearned income. <i>1099s and W-2s are NOT</i>						
accepted proof of current income.						
YES	NO	INCOME TYPE	PERSON RECEIVING	GROSS AMOUNT	FREQUENCY	
		Alimony				
		Boarders/Roomers (Attach notarized proof of rental or lease)				
		Child Support				
		Contribution/Gifts / Church or Charitable Donations				
		Educational Assistance / Student Loans (Attach proof of tuition, books and supplies for prior TWO semesters)				
		Food Stamps				
		Foster Care				
		County Assistance / General Assistance				
		Interest / Dividends / Annuities / Royalties				
		Loans				
		Lump Sum Payments (Settlements / Back Pay, etc.)				
		Military Income / Allotment				
		Mining Claims				
		Panhandling				
		Pensions / Retirement				
		Property Rentals / Sale				
		Railroad Retirement				
		Room Rental (Attach notarized proof of rental or lease)				
		Social Security Benefits (RSDI)				
		Strike Benefits				
		Subsidized Housing				
		Supplemental Security Income (SSI)				
		Supported Living Arrangement (SLA)				
		TANF Assistance				
		Tribal Assistance / Indian General Assistance (IGA)				
		Trust Income (Provide proof if it is not accessible)				
		Unemployment Insurance				
		Utility Allowance / Rebate Check				
		Veterans Benefits				
		Winnings				
		Worker's Compensation or Temporary Disability				
		Other				
If you do not have any income or if the household expenses (e.g., rent, utilities, food, etc.) are more than your household's income, please explain how you are able to meet these expenses. If someone is helping with your bills, how much help did you receive each month during the last six (6) months and from whom? (List each individual's name, address and telephone):						
	B. Do you expect any changes in the household's income or benefits? YES NO When? When?					
	Changes in income prior to certification will be used to determine eligibility.					

G. RESOURCES/ASSETS							
List all resources you now have. Check all that apply.							
□ Savings Accounts □ Trust Funds □ Keogh Accounts (401K) □ Checking Accounts □ Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) □ Christmas Club □ Credit Union Accounts □ Individual Indian Money Accounts (IIMA) □ Certificates of Deposit (CD □ Business Checking Accounts □ Other Houses, Land or Buildings □ Other Account Types □ Stocks/Bonds □ Promissory Notes or Contracts □ Life Insurance Policies							
Name and Address of Resource Account/Policy Amount Amount Owner(s) Resource Institution Types Number Value Owed							
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	H. RESPO	ONSIBILITY					
Any information provided in this form is strictly confidential and is used only to determine eligibility for DWSS programs. Any and all information provided is subject to verification and investigation by federal, state and local officials. If you do not cooperate in the review, your benefits may be denied or terminated. If you make a false or misleading statement, misrepresent, conceal or withhold facts necessary for the DWSS to make an accurate determination on your benefits or alter any document, your benefits may be denied, terminated or reduced. You are responsible for repayment of all monies, services and benefits for which you were not entitled. Additionally, you may also be barred from program participation, criminally prosecuted and/or otherwise penalized according to state and federal law. Have you ever received and Intentional Program Violation (IPV)? YES NO If YES, in what State?							
	I. AUTHO	ORIZATION					
By signing this application, I am authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services to make any investigation concerning me and any other member of my household as well as my child(ren)'s legal or natural parent(s) which may be necessary to determine eligibility for benefits received or to be received under programs administered by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. I hereby authorize and consent to the release of any and all information concerning me or my household members to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services by the holder of the information regardless of the manner or form held, including by, without limitation, wage information, information made confidential by law or otherwise privileged under NRS 422A.320 or any other provision of law or otherwise. I hereby release the holder of such information from liability, if any, resulting from the disclosure of the required information. I acknowledge that a reproduced copy of this authorization legally constitutes an original copy.							
I consent that the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services or its representatives may survey my energy usage, advise vendors of assistance grants, and status at the time of certification. If my eligibility/benefit determination was based on inaccurate or incomplete information that resulted in my household receiving benefits to which we were not entitled, it is my responsibility to repay the benefits of the Energy Assistance Program and I may be subject to criminal prosecution. I authorize the Energy Assistance Program to release information about my household, to include energy usage information, to the State of Nevada Housing Division, Weatherization Assistance Program, for possible eligibility in weatherizing my residence.							
I understand the question on this application and the penalty for concealing or giving false information. In addition, I understand that if I make a false or misleading statement, conceal or withhold facts to establish or maintain program eligibility, my benefits may be reduced, denied, or terminated; I may be disqualified from program participation, criminally prosecuted, and/or otherwise penalized according to state and federal law. I understand that persons found guilty of intentionally violating Energy Assistance Program rules will be ineligible for program participation for one (1) year for the first violation, two (2) years for the second violation, and permanently barred from the program for the third violation.							
I agree to notify the Energy Assistance Program of any changes in my household circumstances that may affect my benefits. I understand failure to report changes may cause an overpayment which I would be responsible to pay back and could even be prosecuted by a court of law. I swear I have honestly reported the citizenship of myself and anyone I am applying for.							
I certify under penalty of perjury, my answers are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and ability.							
Signature of Applicant:			D	ate:			
	Signature of Other Adult Member(s) in Household: Date:						
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Division of Welfare and Supportive Services ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

**** PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW ****

A. You have the following RIGHTS:

- 1. No person will be discriminated against for any reason, i.e., race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, handicap (including AIDS and AIDS related conditions), political belief or national origin, in any program administered by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. Violations of discrimination shall be promptly reported to the Energy Assistance Program office, the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Administrator, 1470 College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada 89706-7924, (775) 684-0500, the U.S. Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Department of Health and Human Services, 50 United Nations Plaza, San Francisco, California 94102, (415) 437-8310, TDD (415) 437-8311 or by calling toll free 1-800-368-1019.
- 2. You have the right to a <u>conference</u> if you believe you have been unfairly treated or a mistake has been made concerning your eligibility for assistance. To request a conference, write or call the Energy Assistance Program.
- 3. You have the right to a <u>hearing</u> if you are not satisfied with the agency's action affecting your assistance if you request the hearing, in writing, within ninety (90) days of the agency's action/decision, unless the sole issue for the agency's action/decision is one of state or federal law requiring automatic benefit adjustment. You have the right to a hearing if your application for benefits is denied, reduced, acted upon erroneously, or not acted upon with reasonable promptness.
- 4. You have the right to a mailed notice of decision telling you if you are eligible for program benefits and in what amount, to whom payments will be made, and the approximate payment date(s); **or** a notice informing you that you are not eligible for program benefits and why.
- 5. Program staff is required to:
 - Inform applicants of the eligibility requirements for the program;
 - Counsel on required documents; and/or
 - Provide assistance to the applicant, when needed.

B. You have the following OBLIGATIONS:

- 1. Notify the Energy Assistance Program within ten (10) working days of any of the following. Failure to do so may delay processing your application, or result in denial of benefits or a reduction in benefits.
 - Any change in your household income **or** household size (number of people residing in the household);
 - If you change utility companies; or
 - If you move anytime after submitting your application.
- 2. Respond to any requests for additional information needed to process your application **within ten (10) working days**. It is your responsibility to ensure the requested materials are mailed or faxed early enough to meet the deadline provided to you. The Energy Assistance Program is not responsible for lost or misdirected mail, or faxes. (Be sure your name and SSN or UPI is on all documents/correspondence.)
- 3. Cooperate with the Energy Assistance Program in its efforts to secure all information necessary to determine eligibility or benefits.

C. SPECIAL NOTE:

- 1. If you are applying for the Energy Assistance Program, you may receive help with your heating and/or electric bills. **BUT REMEMBER, YOU MUST KEEP PAYING YOUR BILLS WHEN THEY ARE DUE**. If you do not pay them, the company can charge more money for paying late. The utility company can even turn off your service and you may be required to pay a deposit before they will turn your service on again. *If you cannot pay your bill, contact the utility company and try to make payment arrangements*.
- 2. Persons found guilty of intentionally violating program rules will be ineligible for program participation for one (1) year for the first violation, two (2) years for the second violation, and permanently barred from the program for the third violation.

My signature below indicates I understand the Rights and Obligations as an applicant for the Energy Assistance Program.

Applicant/Recipient Signature Date